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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 155 and 167 as follows:

89 155. The microbubble preparation of claim 62, wherein the molar ratio of said modifier gas and said gas osmotic agent is between about 1:100 and 1:1.

96,167. The microbubble preparation of claim ~~55~~ 123, wherein the molar ratio of said modifier gas and said gas osmotic agent is between about 1:100 and 1:1.